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1. JAPAN

GOJ SOURCES SAY MIKI MET THURSDAY WITH AMBASSADOR BRUNET,
AGREED CONDITIONALLY TO FIVE-POWER ECONOMIC SUMMIT
PROPOSED BY GISCARD (UPI, JOC).

JAL OFFICIAL TOLD FOREIGN PRESS SEMINAR MONDAY AIRLINE
WILL REFUSE FUTURE REQUESTS TO FLY TERRORISTS TO
SAFE HAVEN; WILL NEVER REPEAT EXPERIENCE THIS MONTH
OF FLYING RED ARMY TERRORISTS, RADICALS RELEASED FROM
PRISON, FROM KL TO LIBYA. ALSO SAID THINKS PILOTS WOULD
"VOW" REFUSE FLY SUCH FLIGHTS IN FUTURE (UPI, NYT).
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FOUR-NATION TALKS IN TOKYO TO SET S HEMISPHERE WHALE
CATCH QUOTAS EXTENDED, ACCORDING FISHERIES AGENCY. BUT
SOUTH AFRICA, BRAZIL, JAPAN, SOVIET EXPECTED AGREE BY
THURSDAY ON NATL QUOTAS FOR MINK, SEI WHALES (REUTER, WP).

MARUBENI MARITIME SAYS GOT 5-YR, 12 MILLION EURO DOL LOAN, ARRANGED BY LOEB, RHOADES AND CO, GUARANTEED BY YASUDA TRUST AND BANKING (WSJ, TOKYO).

JIM WALTER CORP REPORTS RECEIVED 40 MILLION DOL 9.5 PERCENT LOAN FROM SEVEN JAPANESE FIRMS. WILL USE TO HELP FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF MINES IN ALABAMA TO SUPPLY SIX JAPANESE STEELMAKERS MINIMUM OF 3 MILLION TONS METALLURGICAL GRADE COAL ANNUALLY FOR 15 YEARS, BEGINNING 1978 (JOC, TAMPA).

TOYO KOGYO PLANS INCREASE MONTHLY OUTPUT VEHICLES 20 PERCENT TO 60,000 UNITS STARTING NEXT MONTH. FIRM OFFICIALS SAYS REFLECTS COMPLETION INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT IN US, PROSPECTS FOR BETTER SALES IN JAPAN (WSJ, TOKYO).

CAB AWARDS NISSIN TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING US AIR FREIGHT FORWARDER AUTHORITY, FOR ONE YEAR. CAB SAYS PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE CONSISTENT WITH NEED FOR OVERALL REVIEW OF COMPETITIVE FRAMEWORK OF JAPAN-US FREIGHT FORWARDING MARKET (JOC, WASHINGTON).

TYPHOON PHYLLIS LEFT JAPAN WITH 35 DEAD, 24 MISSING (WP).

2. KOREA

PRES PARK MONDAY APPOINTED SCHOLAR YU SANG KEUN MINISTER OF UNIFICATION AFFAIRS, RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH NK (AFP, WP).

3. INDOCHINA

NCNA REPORTS SAMPHAN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRC HAS AGREED TO GIVE CAMBODIA "FREE AND UNCONDITIONAL" ECON/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (WSJ, WP, NYT; AP, SUN).
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NKNA REPORTS ARRIVAL SAMPHAN-LED CAMBODIA DELEGATION IN PYONGYANG 8/19 FOR OFFICIAL GOODWILL VISIT; DIPLOMATS IN PYONGYANG SAY SIHANOUK EXPECTED ATTEND STATE BANQUET FOR SAMPHAN TUESDAY NIGHT, THEN RETURN WITH HIM TO PP WITHIN WEEK (REUTER PEKING).

LAOTIAN GOVT ANNOUNCES LOCAL CHANGES IN WHAT WESTERN OBSERVERS SAY IS FURTHER STEP IN COUNTRY'S SWING LEFTWARD (CSM); EXTENDS TAKE-OVER TO VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG, REPLACING NON-COMMUNIST SUBDISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS (WSJ).

AP (KL) REPORTS PANAMA-REGISTERED SHIPPING FIRM REP SAYING FREIGHTER BOUGHT BY AMCITS FROM VIET COMPANY

AS SAIGON FELL HAS BEEN SEIZED BY 16 OF ITS VIET CREW,
WHO WANT RETURN TO SVN; SEVEN OTHER CREW MEMBERS,

INCLUDING CAPTAIN, BEING HELD HOSTAGE SOMEWHERE
OFF MALAYSIA IN SOUTH CHINA SEA (WP, NYDN, SUN).

4. THAILAND

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS (8/19) FOLLOWING MEETING MONDAY
WITH AMB WHITEHOUSE, FM CHATICHAI SAID US AGREES WITH
RTG THAT SEATO SHOULD BE PHASED OUT OVER NEXT 2-3
YEARS; AMEMBASSY SPOKESMAN DECLINED COMMENT (REUTER
BANGKOK).

FIGHTING ERUPTED OVER WEEKEND AT REFUGEE CAMP FOR 1,600
CAMBODIANS NEAR THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER; AT LEAST TWO
CAMBODIANS KILLED, SEVERAL WOUNDED, ACCORDING THAI
INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS; BANGKOK POST" SAYS FOUR
REFUGEES KILLED, 10 WOUNDED, 7 "AGITATORS" ARRESTED,
30 OTHERS ESCAPED, AFTER GUNFIGHT ERUPTED WHEN REFUGEES
PROTESTED REGULATIONS (AP, NYT). THAI POLICE REPORT
4 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES KILLED, 9 WOUNDED; ONE REFUGEE
SAID SHOOTING WAS BY GUARDS FOLLOWING FOOD PROTEST
(WP).

SIX THAI SOLDIERS KILLED, THREE WOUNDED, WHEN THEY
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TRIGGERED MINE PLANTED BY REBELS IN NE THAILAND,
ACCORDING DEFMIN SPOKESMAN (UPI, NYDN; WSJ, WP).

5. CHINA

BUTTERFIELD (NYT), IN HK, REPORTS PEKING OPENING DRIVE
AGAINST RECENT LABOR UNREST WHICH HAS CUT PRO-
DUCTION. RADIO COMMENTARIES SAY "VICIOUS EXPANSION OF
BOURGEOIS INDIVIDUALISM" MUST CAUSE PARTY TAKE ACTION
AGAINST FACTIONALISM. ANALYSTS BELIEVE NEW DRIVE NOT
SEPARATE CAMPAIGN, BUT INTENSIFICATION OF PROGRAM BEGUN
EARLIER THIS YR DESIGNED PROMOTE PRODUCTION, ACHIEVE
STABILITY, UNITY.

MACLEAN (CHITRIB 8/18) SAYS CHEKIANG PROVINCE POLITICAL
UNREST SEEN BY OBSERVERS AS LOCAL POWER STRUGGLE WHICH
STEMS FROM GPCR. PRC EXPERTS BELIEVE NO SINGLE FACTION
WON DURING POWER STRUGGLES; PERSONAL GRUDGES, OPPORTUNISM
CONTINUE UNRESOLVED IN PROVINCE. "UNUSUAL CANDOR" OF
RADIO REPORTING HAS HELPED SHAKE PRC IMAGE AS NATION OF
MILLIONS HARDWORKING PEOPLE, CONTENT WITH ADEQUATE FOOD,
IDEOLOGICAL DEBATE. US ANALYSTS DON'T KNOW WHETHER
SENDING TROOPS INTO HANGCHOW TO QUELL UNREST WAS SIGN OF
WEAKNESS OR STRENGTH BY PEKING--COU HAVE BEEN LAST

RESORT OR CLEVER "DOUBLE-USE" OF MANPOWER.

SEN PERCY, ARRIVED JAPAN OVER WEEKEND, SAYS PRC'S ENERGIES BEING FOCUSED ON INTERNAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NOT MILITARY BUILDUP. STATES "FEELING THAT DEFENSE IS BEING DE-EMPHASIZED"; CITES "ENORMOUS INVESTMENT IN MACHINERY," AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION (UPI, JOC).

HK REPORTS SAY PRC HAS BROKEN OFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA FOR LONG-TERM RAW SUGAR IMPORTS. AUSTRALIA SOUGHT ESCALATION CLAUSE TIED TO INFLATION RATES; BUT PRC POINTED OUT NO INFLATION THERE, NOW HAS NO INTENTION IMPORTING AUSSIE SUGAR (JOC).

6. PHILIPPINES

MOSLEM REBELS DENY THEY AUTHORIZED ANYONE NEGOTIATE
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CEASE-FIRE; GOP SAID LAST WK IT HAD REACHED TRUCE WITH REBEL GROUP (WSJ).

MANSFIELD, MARCOS MEET 8/19; DISCUSS GRADUAL RESTRUCTURING US' PHIL MIL BASES. MARCOS REPORTEDLY PLANS BRIEF MANSFIELD ON PROPOSED PLAN THROUGH WHICH GOP INTENDS PUT US MIL BASES INTO "PRODUCTIVE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY USE" OVER PERIOD OF TIME. EMPHASIS PLACED ON CONSIDERATION FOR PHIL SOVEREIGNTY, ENDING EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY. GOP ALSO DENIED REPORTS PRC HAS HINTED IT WOULD LIKE ACQUIRE PHIL MIL BASES (REUTER MANILA).

7. TIMOR

TRAVELERS ARRIVING INDONESIAN TIMOR SAY UDT HAS FIRM CONTROL ALL STRONGPOINTS AFTER APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL COUP LAST WK. SPECIAL PORTUGUESE ENVOY ATTEMPTING REACH PORTUGUESE TIMOR TO ASSES SITUATION, POSSIBLY TAKE STEPS TO SPEED ITS INDEPENDENCE. STRONG INDICATIONS REPORTEDLY EXIST THAT INDONESIA MOUNTING LARGE INTELLIGENCE, PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATION ACROSS BORDER (MCDONALD, WP).

US ANTHROPOLOGIST ARRIVED DARWIN 8/19 AFTER EVACUATION FROM TIMOR; SAYS AREA HE CAME FROM, EAST TIMOR MOUNTAINS, VERY QUIET; INTENDS RETURN US SOON (REUTER DARWIN).

8. INDONESIA

SOVIET PASSENGER SHIP RESCUED 16 FROM INDONESIAN TRAINING VESSEL (8/18) THAT WAS STRANDED IN JAVA SEA 5 DAYS WITH ONLY FOOD BEING SOY SAUCE AND PINEAPPLES (AP WP).

INDONESIA SIGNS 20 MIL DOL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS CORP FOR NATIONWIDE RADIO BROADCASTING SYSTEM, WHICH FIRM BELIEVES LARGEST ORDER EVER PLACED FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM MFR (JOC).

9. AUSTRALIA

DEP PM CREAN, RETURNING FROM MOSCOW, SAYS AUSTRALIA UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS REQUESTED MORE STABLE BILATERAL TRADE IN BEEF, WHEAT. SOVIETS HAVE PROMISED CONSIDER AUSTRALIA WHEN IMPORT NEEDS RISE (JOC).

EXTREME DRY WEATHER MAY CAUSE AUSTRALIA HARVEST 20 PCT LESS WHEAT THIS YR THAN LAST, ACCORDING FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE MAG. BEEF PRODUCERS ALSO FEAR THAT DRY WEATHER WILL CAUSE WATER, PASTURES BE INADEQUATE (JOC).

10. HONG KONG

HK'S TEXTILE RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WITH EUR COMMUNITIES HITS SERIOUS SNAG, CAUSING WIDESPREAD CONCERN AMONG HK MFRS. PROBLEM ARISES OVER LOCAL EXPORTERS WHO TOOK ORDERS FROM EUROPE BEFORE AGREEMENT; THESE WERE IN VAST EXCESS OF THOSE ALLOWED UNDER TERMS, POSSIBLY LEAVING MFRS WITH LARGE STOCKS UNFINISHED GOODS WHICH THEY ARE NOW UNABLE DELIVER (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. KOREA

WSJ'S PEARLSTINE IN SEOUL QUOTES RESIGNED US-TRAINED ACADEMIC WHO HATES ADMIT IT, BUT SAYS "PARK CHUNG HEE HAS NEVER LOOKED STRONGER." VIEWS INDOCHINA COLLAPSE AS BLESSING FOR PARK, BECAUSE US, JAPAN SUBSEQUENTLY STRENGTHENED COMMITMENTS TO SK, AND EVEN MOST BITTER OPPONENTS SHELVED GRUDGES AGAINST PARK, WHOM THEY FEAR LESS THAN KIM IL-SUNG. BELIEVES TOO SOON TO KNOW HOW LONG PARK WILL GO UNCHALLENGED, BUT HARD TO FIND ANYONE PLANNING PROTEST. CONCLUDES DISSENT UNLIKELY, SO LONG AS THREAT OF NK ATTACK REMAINS CREDIBLE.

NOTES EVEN REP FRASER ADMITS US TROOP WITHDRAWAL DESIRABLE AS IDEAL BUT IMPRACTICAL, BECAUSE MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY OTHER ASIAN ALLIES AS FURTHER US RETREAT FROM COMMITMENTS. ADDS COLLAPSE OF DEMOCRACY IN INDIA MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR CIVIL LIBERTARIANS TO SINGLE OUT ROK AS GROSS OFFENDER. UNCLASSIFIED

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12 JAPAN

LAT'S JAMESON (GLOBE 8/17) LABELS EMPEROR'S US VISIT NEXT MONTH ANOTHER STEP IN SLOW PROCESS OF TRANSFORMING HIM INTO "POPULAR MONARCH." VIEWS DECISION VISIT DISNEYLAND, OVER OPPOSITION OF CONSERVATIVES, AS VICTORY OF THOSE WHO WISH ALLOW MAN WHO ONCE CALLED OWN LIFE THAT OF A BIRD IN A CAGE" TO COME OUT INTO OPEN. NOTES TREPIDATION ABOUT PUBLIC REACTION IN US LED GOJ TO COMMISSION REISCHAUER TO WRITE PAMPHLET THAT POINTS OUT AUTHORITARIAN POWERS HELD IN THEORY BY EMPEROR UNTIL END WW II WERE IN FACT FICTIONAL -- ONLY DECISION EMPEROR MADE WAS TO ACCEPT UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, WITH NO GUARANTEE OF OWN SAFETY. ADDS EMPEROR TO LAY WREATH AT ARLINGTON, SYMBOLIZING TRANSFORMATION OF US-JAPAN ENMITY INTO FRIENDSHIP.

GLOBE (8/17) REPEATS OBERDORFER (WP) VALEDICTORY PIECE ON HAZARDS OF PREDICTING FUTURE IN JAPAN, WHICH HAS CHANGED SO MUCH EVEN DURING HIS THREE-YEAR STINT IN TOKYO.

HIDEKO TAKAYAMA (SUN) REVIEWS KUROSAWA FILM ABOUT SIMPLE NATIVE HUNTER -- DERSU UZALA -- CO-PRODUCED IN SIBERIA WITH SOVIET COOPERATION. OBSERVES NOT INTENDED AS ANTI-POLLUTION, ANTI-MODERN FILM, BUT DERSU'S SIMPLE LIFE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE APPEALS GREATLY TO JAPANESE YOUTH. QUOTES JAPANESE PRODUCER THAT "ODFATHER" DIRECTOR COPPOLA WISHES DISTRIBUTE IN US.

JEROME COHEN (GLOBE 8/17) REVIEWS "DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE BUSINESS 1600-1973" BY HIRSCHIEIER AND YUI. IN CONTRAST MUNICIPAL WORKERS WHO REFUSE, SO FAR, WORK ONE HOUR A DAY TO EASE NYC FINANCIAL BURDEN, NOTES BOOK EXPLORES JAPANESE TRADITION OF STRIVING FOR COLLECTIVE GOOD IN PREFERENCE TO IMMEDIATE INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIC GAIN, WHICH RUNS AS COMMON THEME THROUGH FOUR DISTINCT PERIODS OF DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1600 AND SUSTAINED POST-WAR ECONOMIC MIRACLE."

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WP'S SHARKEY FOUND "CERTAIN IRONY" IN LAST MONTH'S THREE DAYS OF HEARINGS ON COURSE OF US FOREIGN POLICY, BEFORE WOLFF COMMITTEE. CITES KEY OFFICIALS OF LBJ/JFK "ACTIVIST DAYS"--RUSK, BALL, WM BUNDY, MAXWELL TAYLOR, HENRY CABOT LODGE--URGING US MORE CAUTIOUS FOREIGN POLICY, WEIGH TRUE GLOBAL INTERESTS AND RESOURCES, BEFORE MAKING INTL COMMITMENTS. VN ISSUE WAS STRUCK ONLY GLANCING,

HAPHAZARD BLOWS AT HEARINGS. RUSK AT ONE POINT SAID ENIG-

MATICALLY RE VN THAT IT WAS "MISTAKE TO ENTER AND FAIL"; BUT NO ONE PURSUED IDEA. CONCLUDES RUSK STAYS WITH VIEW THAT US SHOULD HAVE TAKEN STRONG ROLE IN VN; TO BUNDY, VN WAS MISTAKE; LODGE FELT MAIN VN LESSON IS THAT FOREIGN POLICY UNDERTAKING SHOULD HAVE SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN PEOPLE; TO BALL, VN NOW MOOT ISSUE.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S FENTON, IN BANGKOK, SAYS DESPITE GENERAL PANIC DELIBERATELY FESTERED BY US ABOUT FATE OF THOSE IN THEIR REGIME, APPARENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN NO GREAT ATROCITIES IN SVN SINCE SAIGON FELL, AND PRG HAS DONE IMMENSE AMOUNT TO EXCITE ADMIRATION, RESPECT. HOWEVER, CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN THERE WRITE CRITICALLY OF SVN BECAUSE NEW AUTHORITIES REQUIRE NOT JUST FAIRNESS, BUT COMPLICITY--THEY WANT THEIR FRIENDS LOYAL TO POINT OF DISHONESTY. FEW WEEKS AGO FAILURE OF FORMER SOLDIERS, OFFICERS, POLICE, SPIES, GOVT OFFICIALS TO RETURN FROM "30-DAY" RE-EDUCATION CLASSES SET OFF RUMOR THERE HAD BEEN ACCIDENT OR AMBUSH SOMEWHERE NEAR TAY NINH; THEN GOVT REVEALED 10-DAY AND MONTH-LONG COURSES WERE ONLY MINIMAL--OFFICERS WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL CHANGE OF CONSCIENCE COMPLETE. SUCH INCIDENTS LEAVE FEW SAIGONESE TAKING WORD OF AUTHORITIES AT FACE VALUE (GLOBE 8/17) KISSINGER

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